

Agenda Item: 13-10C

Meeting Dates: October 13 and 14, 2004

**CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES THAT IT PROCEED WITH ITS
LOCAL GROUNDWATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
PROPOSAL SOLICITATION PACKAGE, CONSISTENT WITH THE STATED PRIORITIES,
SOLICITATION AND EVALUATION CRITERIA AND PROCESS, AND SCHEDULE**

Summary: The Department of Water Resources Local Groundwater Assistance Program Proposal Solicitation and Application Package is available to the public in a final form.

Recommended Action: The California Bay-Delta Authority adopt Resolution 04-10-02 recommending that the Department of Water Resources continue with its Local Groundwater Assistance Program proposal solicitation package.

Background

The Local Groundwater Management Assistance Act of 2000 (California Water Code Sections 10795 *et seq.*) was enacted to provide grants to local agencies to conduct groundwater studies or to carry out groundwater monitoring and management activities. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has conducted four grant solicitations. Ninety-nine projects have been funded with \$21.4 million dollars, and 45 projects have been completed.

The Proposal Solicitation and Application Package (PSP) for the fifth year of the program has been slightly revised from the previous PSP, and is posted on the DWR website at: <http://www.grantsloans.water.ca.gov/grants/assistance.cfm>.

The Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP) criterion was modified to emphasize that such plans should be consistent with current Water Code standards for GWMPs (Section 10750 *et seq.*). The other revisions in the PSP clarify the information requested and the scoring method. Comments from the Local Groundwater Assistance Program's statutorily required Technical Advisory Panel have also been incorporated in the PSP.

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A summary schedule for the grant process is:

- October 19 to 26, 2004 - Four PSP Workshops
- December 2, 2004 - Proposals are due by 5:00 p.m.
- March 2005 - DWR completes review and preliminary rankings of proposals
- June 2005 - Award grants

Fiscal Information

Funding Source: Proposition 50, Chapter 8

Term: July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2007

Total Amount: \$6 million

List of Attachments

Resolution 04-10-02

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**CALIFORNIA BAY-DELTA AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION 04-10-02**

**RECOMMENDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES THAT IT
PROCEED WITH ITS LOCAL GROUNDWATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROPOSAL
SOLICITATION PACKAGE, CONSISTENT WITH THE STATED PRIORITIES,
SOLICITATION AND EVALUATION CRITERIA AND PROCESS, AND SCHEDULE**

WHEREAS, the California Bay-Delta Authority is statutorily authorized to conduct oversight and coordination related to the Bay-Delta Program;

WHEREAS, the CALFED Programmatic Record of Decision recognized the importance of effective groundwater management to meet objectives for groundwater storage and conjunctive use, as well as other programs, such as water quality and water transfers; and

WHEREAS, the local Groundwater Management Assistance Act of 2000 (Water Code Section 10795 *et seq.*) authorizes the Department of Water Resources to award grants for local groundwater assistance to projects and programs proposed by local agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Proposal Solicitation Package for the fifth year of the Local Groundwater Assistance Program is now available in final form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California Bay-Delta Authority recommends that the Department of Water Resources proceed with its Proposal Solicitation Package for the Local Groundwater Assistance Program, consistent with the stated priorities, solicitation and evaluation criteria and process, and schedule.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Assistant to the California Bay-Delta Authority, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Bay-Delta Authority held on October 13 and 14, 2004.

Dated: _____

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